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FREIGHT RATES NOT REDUCED

Some Light Thrown on Order of State Railroad Commission.

[Miami Metropolis.]
Claiming that instead of a reduction in rates, for which the Florida East Coast Railroad has been given general credit, an increase is shown in the recent tariff issue, and that a patent jugglery of figures only and no change for the better has been made so far as the grower is concerned, the H. C. Schrader Co., commission merchants of Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 3, 1911.

Mr. J. Will Yon, Secretary Railroad Commission, State of Florida, Tallahassee.

Dear Sir: We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 13th ult. enclosing a copy of the Commission's Order No. 317, for the Florida East Coast Railroad which you advise is a reduction of about 15 per cent in the rates of the F. E. C. R. in effect prior to Nov. 1st, 1910.

We surely are at a loss to find any such reduction in classes G and V, which cover fruits and vegetables respectively. On the contrary we find a decided increase on these classes, with the exception of a very few cases where we find a reduction of about one cent a crate on vegetables from some stations.

As you doubtless are aware, there is practically no carload movements of fruits and vegetables intrastate, hence the issue is less carlot rates.

We find that the pineapple rates all along the line are increased with the exception of one point or a few points in the vicinity of Miami, where this rate remains as it was before your order took effect. The L. C. L. rate on vegetables from Miami to Jacksonville we find is raised one cent a crate, as it was 25 cents any quantity and now it is 26 cents.

We will compare a few of the old and new rates from some of the principal shipping points to Jacksonville, as below:

	Per Pkg.	Old Rate	New Rate
Sebastian—			
Oranges.....	24c	26c	
Pineapples.....	22c	26c	
Vegetables.....	18c	19c	
Fort Pierce—			
Oranges.....	25c	28c	
Pineapples.....	23c	28c	
Vegetables.....	22c	21c	
Stuart—			
Oranges.....	25c	29c	
Pineapples.....	24c	29c	
Vegetable.....	23c	23c	
Boynton			
Oranges.....	30c	31c	
Pineapples.....	30c	31c	
Vegetables.....	25c	24c	
Miami—			
Oranges.....	33c	33c	
Pineapples.....	33c	33c	
Vegetables.....	25c	26c	

The reduction of one cent per crate on vegetables from Fort Pierce and Stuart is really no material benefit to anyone for the reason that these points ship practically no vegetables by freight. These points ship mainly pineapples, which rates are materially increased.

Miami, which is probably the heaviest vegetable shipping point on the F. E. C., has its rate raised one cent per crate, while the fruit rates from there remain as heretofore.

We should like very much to be enlightened as to how the commission arrived at a 15 per cent reduction on vegetables and fruits, which we believe are the commodities on which a reduction was intended by the commission.

Awaiting your kind reply, we beg to remain, Respectfully yours,
THE H. C. SCHRADER CO.

MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD

New Board Organized—Hardesty Elected Chairman.

The new Board of Public Instruction in and for St. Lucie county met to organize on January 3rd, 1911. Present, H. F. Hardesty, W. B. Cross, J. F. Bell and J. W. Hodge, secretary and county superintendent.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cross, Mr. H. F. Hardesty was

W. A. BLOUNT AND N. P. BRYAN WILL RUN IN SECOND PRIMARY

Very Light Vote Cast Throughout the State in the Sentatorial Contest. Tabulated Returns from State and County.

Tuesday's primary election for the nomination of a democratic candidate for United States Senator brought out only a small portion of the voters throughout the state, and the incomplete returns show W. A. Blount of Pensacola leading, with N. P. Bryan second and J. N. C. Stockton low man in the race.

No nomination was made and a second primary is necessary and it is more than likely the complete returns will place Messrs Blount and Bryan in the second race, although the Stockton supporters are still confident that he will lead Bryan, and contest with

County	Blount	Bryan	Stockton
Alachua	506	165	319
Baker	—	—	—
Bradford	187	81	93
Brevard	37	14	11
Calhoun	65	77	38
Clay	27	42	60
Columbia	213	66	199
Citrus	102	63	97
Dade	142	167	253
DeSoto	73	98	23
Duval	1076	1235	948
Escambia	2414	174	107
Franklin	253	48	1
Gadsden	185	128	95
Hamilton	274	122	159
Hernando	30	21	93
Hillsborough	661	676	479
Holmes	128	51	20
Jackson	269	145	88
Jefferson	83	31	10
LaFayette	71	19	63
Lake	84	72	15
Lee	13	22	107
Leon	198	131	14
Levy	130	72	155
Liberty	40	40	24
Madison	99	56	33
Manatee	232	110	121
Marion	216	109	238
Monroe	212	202	579
Nassau	106	24	30
Orange	279	209	81
Osceola	111	208	25
Pasco	36	80	217
Palm Beach	43	94	113
Polk	276	576	105
Putnam	186	79	132
Santa Rosa	547	66	55
St. Johns	189	241	141
St. Lucie	45	181	97
Sumter	—	—	—
Suwannee	112	51	169
Taylor	22	106	19
Volusia	178	155	58
Wakulla	—	—	—
Walton	343	185	94
Washington	165	19	23
Totals	10,665	6,501	5,803

Blount for the nomination. The second primary will be held on Tuesday, January 31.

According to unofficial figures received up to noon Wednesday in Jacksonville, which includes considerably more than half the votes cast, the three candidates stood at follows:

W. A. Blount,	10,665
N. P. Bryan,	6,501
J. N. C. Stockton	5,803

The following table shows the vote throughout the state, but is very incomplete and may be changed materially in the final count:

In St. Lucie County only little interest was shown and only a light vote was polled, the following being the returns from the various precincts as received by The News.

Precinct.	Blount.	Bryan.	Stockton.
1 Sebastian.....	3	32	5
2 Ft. Pierce.....	32	82	23
3 Ankona.....	4	5	15
4 Jensen.....	3	11	15
5 Fort Drum.....	No election held		
6 Tantie.....	—	—	—
7 Wabasso.....	No election held		
8 Quay.....	1	8	3
9 Narrows.....	1	13	0
10 White City.....	0	7	25
11 Vero.....	1	22	2
12 Viking.....	0	1	9
13 Bluefields.....	—	—	—
Total	45	181	97



STEAMER LINE ON EAST COAST CANAL

Commodious Steamer Swan Will Start Initial Trip on January Twenty-third from St. Augustine to Palm Beach.

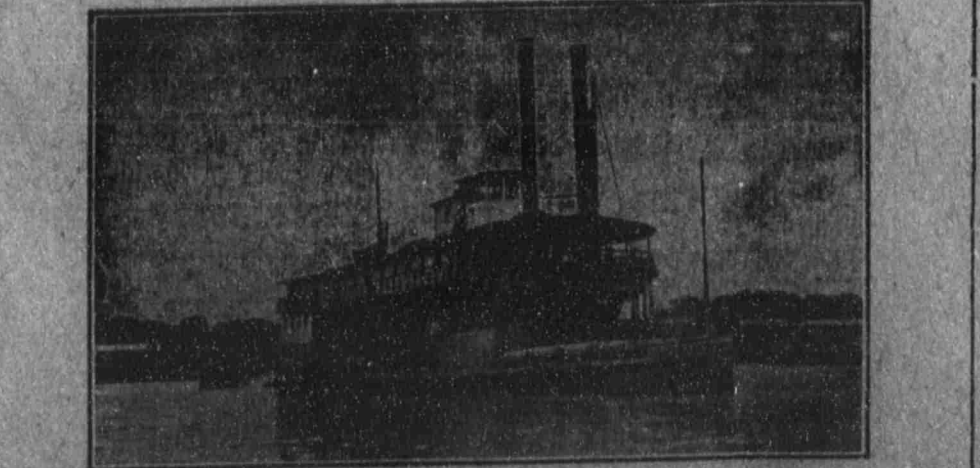
Last week we published an article stating that a new steamer line would soon be operated on the inland waterway from St. Augustine to Palm Beach by the Gulf Coast Navigation Company and that the steamer Swan would make her first trip within a couple of weeks.

On Wednesday of this week we received a letter from Captain J. H. Howard, who is in charge of the steamer, stating that the boat arrived in St. Au-

start on Monday, January 23rd.

The schedule is not yet given out, so it is impossible to state at what time the steamer will arrive at Fort Pierce. We will, however, endeavor to give our readers some definite idea of the time next week.

The steamer Swan, a photograph of which we publish herewith, is the only steamer so far to be put on the run, but if business justifies other vessels



gustine on Tuesday and is now undergoing a general overhauling. The Captain states also that the inaugural trip will be delayed a few days on account of a dredge which is working in the canal being in the way, but he expects to

will be added to the line. The Swan is a flat-bottom stern-wheel steamer, 32 feet beam and 150 feet long, with accommodations for 48 passengers and a capacity of 200 tons of freight in less than four feet of water.

At present the run will be from St. Augustine to Palm Beach, but petitions are now being circulated asking for the removal of bridge obstructions across Pablo creek, and when these are removed the line will be extended from Jacksonville to Miami. One of these petitions are now being signed in Fort Pierce.

Tax Assessor's Notice.

I will be at the following places on the dates named for the purpose of assessing taxes for the year 1911:
Sebastian, Wednesday, January 25.
Wabasso, Thursday, January 26.
Vero, Friday, January 27.
Narrows, Saturday, January 28.
Quay, Monday, January 30.
Jensen, Tuesday, January 31.
Ankna, Thursday, February 2.
Fort Pierce, Saturday, February 4.
White City, Tuesday, February 7.
Viking, Thursday, February 9.
Fort Drum, Tuesday, February 14.
Tantie, Thursday, February 16.
Bluefields, Friday, February 17.
F. C. POPPELL,
Tax Assessor.

Saber Aberson, the six year old son of the engineer at Tuft's mill, while on his way to school, was run over and killed by a train at Harney Wednesday morning of last week.

THE FIVE LYCEUM ATTRACTIONS

Sydney Landon Will Be Here On January 24th.

The first number of the five high-class attractions to be furnished Fort Pierce by the Alkabeth Lyceum System will be Mr. Sidney Landon, the great character artist, who will give one of his famous entertainments at the improvement Club hall on Tuesday evening, January 24th.

Mr. Landon has achieved success as a character artist. He has carefully compiled a program of character sketches which, given in prose, verse and song, are easily recognized as true to life. He is a close student of human nature and an apt mimic, possessing a keen sense of humor and a faculty of imparting it to others. In presenting the various characters Mr. Landon uses wigs and paints, and the make-up is in plain view of the audience. He is a genius in his line, and all should see and hear him on Tuesday evening, January 24th.

Other attractions of the Lyceum Course are as follows:

- Ross Crane, on February 14th.
- Roney's Boys, on March 8th.
- LaDell Fox Company, on March 15th.
- Chicago Glee Club, on March 22d.

The management of the Improvement Club hall announces that there are still thirty-five season tickets to be sold before the guarantee money will be secured. The season tickets, good for the five attractions, are \$2.00 each, but none of these will be sold after January 24th. The regular price of the entertainments are 50 cents for reserved seats.

Remember the first attraction, Sidney Landon, on January 24th.

HOLT'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Standing of First Commissioner's District Road Fund.

A statement of the financial standing of the first commissioner's district on January 1, 1911 is due the people of this district, so that we can work intelligently. There is a great need for work that it will be impossible to do at present for the reason that there are no funds to do it with. In fact, there is work started that cannot be completed now, and some repair work is all that we can look for, and that only where it is absolutely necessary to be done.

The auditors' report January 1st shows a balance in the special road fund of the first district of \$1615, but against this December warrants have been drawn amounting to \$582.20. This amount has been paid, and other warrants not yet presented for payment will bring the amount up to about \$700 leaving our special road fund some \$650 behind, and with what taxes will be collected for this fund yet this year to April 1st, there will not be a dollar left to spend on roads from this fund. Comparing this with the special road funds of the other districts of the county we find that we are more than \$1,000 behind any other district.

Besides this, taking into account that the general road fund for the county on January 1 is \$180.97, we find that our working capital for some time will not be very large, and we cannot expect to do very much right away.

There is some work that is absolutely necessary to be done right away, that is where we will use the roads for hauling spring crops. More hauling will be done in the next three months than all the rest of the year together, and a little temporary work repairing on these roads will not cost us much and will do good right now, such as roots, holes, railroad approaches and bad sand beds. I wish someone in each precinct and town in the district would let me know about these needed repairs and I will see what can be done at once. I ask the co-operation of every citizen of the district. Your interests are my interests and I will do my best for you. Yours for co-operation,
E. A. HOLT.

Wabasso, Fla., January 9, 1911.

J. N. Grant, of Chicago, is arranging to put up a tomato pulp factory at Goulds, below Miami, and utilize the culls and overripe tomatoes that has heretofore been thrown away.